

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A method of chromatographic analysis of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) [[a]] protein in a sample for quantifying the total FSH protein wherein the method comprises:

preparing the protein sample by adding a poloxamer to the sample;
performing chromatography on the protein sample; and
manipulating data to determine the quantity of the total FSH protein, wherein the quantity of the total FSH protein is determined using data from calibration with a standard.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising diluting the protein sample prior to performing chromatography.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the chromatography is size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) or reverse phase HPLC (RP-HPLC).

18-21 (Cancelled).

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the Poloxamer is Pluronic F68 (Poloxamer 188).

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein Pluronic F68 is added at a concentration of 100 pg/ml in ultra-pure water in the protein sample solution.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein Pluronic F68 is added at a concentration of 0.1% in sodium acetate buffer at pH 3.8 in the protein sample solution.